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**St. Patrick's Day**  
Glorious Ireland, sword and song  
Gird and crown thee.  
—Algernon Charles Swinburne.

## A Word to the People

There is much gloom in town among those citizens who deprecated the substitution a year ago of a business-like form of government for a partisan political spoils system. They never believed, they say, that the commission-manager form would work in Phoenix. To their satisfaction, it has been proved a failure after a trial of a little less than a year. While they admit that the commission-manager system has been satisfactorily and successfully employed in some places in this country for three or four years, and in many places in Europe for many years, they say that conditions are not suited to it here. When the case of Sumpter, S. C., is mentioned, we are told that the commission manager system is all right for very small towns, but when the case of Dayton, Ohio, is cited we are told that the system works well in very large cities. Phoenix is "betwixt and between."

The trouble lies not in the size or the lack of size of Phoenix but in the activity of partisan politicians, the apathy of otherwise good citizens and in the fact that we made a bad choice in the selection of our first commission which was further handicapped almost at the outset by the machinations of the politicians who succeeded in creating dissensions within the commission and then setting the commission against the city manager.

The manager at once loomed as the only strong man in the municipal government. He may have lacked something of diplomacy but he had a clear knowledge of what he wanted to do and how to do it. He found himself, almost from the first without the backing of the commission which could not agree within itself as to what ought to be done. It has been able to agree upon only one thing, a desire to get rid of the intractable manager by whom it was constantly shamed for its weakness and its incapacity.

We are now to see whether the commission can accomplish this thing it has attempted; we are to see whether the people are willing to take an interest and an active part in the controversy which has been brought to a point. If it turns out that the commission, in such circumstances, can dismiss the manager we had better revert to the old spoils system which with all its waste and inefficiency had at least some merit of stability. If people are not willing to take a personal interest in the public business they had better leave it to the politicians who will be responsible, at least, to their parties, instead of leaving it to a commission which is responsible to no organization except shifting factions or groups, thrown together by selfish aims.

If the city manager can be removed by the commission in the manner in which it is attempting to remove Mr. Farish, the government will be proved to be so unstable that no man would accept an appointive office under it unless he were so incapable and worthless that he could not find private employment. Employees would enter the service as a last resort, with the intention of leaving it at the first opportunity, instead of working promptly and wholeheartedly for its upbuilding.

We are sure that the people of Phoenix do not want to go back to the old spoils system. We are sure that they do not want the commission manager system to fall so low that it will become only a temporary refuge for the incapable and the undesirable.

The Republican calls upon the people of Phoenix not to regard the commission-manager system as a failure but to repair the mistake we have made, and at the first opportunity and every opportunity, elect men to the commission who will make a success of the system.

The time has come when the work undertaken by the Committee of One Hundred and Twenty-five more than a year ago should be completed. The main object of that committee was the selection of business men of standing and without regard to party, for membership of the commission. It is the duty of such men to give themselves to this object. That duty has been made more imperative by recent events.

## The American Dollar in Switzerland

Metropolitan papers in this country are carrying a financial advertisement of a new Swiss loan, an issue of gold notes to the amount of \$15,000,000. This loan is made necessary by the war which is raging on the northern and western borders of Switzerland, the interference with trade and, we suppose, the cutting off of tourist travel which was a considerable source of income. The loan increases the general debt of Switzerland to \$58,946,700, a per capita of \$15, an increase of about 34 per cent. There is a national railway debt of more than \$300,000,000 but the operation of the railways takes care of the interest and sinking fund so that the railway debt is no burden on the people. But

a \$15 per capita debt is a sufficient burden, or would seem so to us, though the frugal Swiss will probably be able to bear it and maintain the high credit of the old as well as the new securities.

An interesting statement of the advertisement is this: "The purpose of this loan is to provide funds to be applied to purchases of commodities in the United States." In this connection, we are reminded of a quotation we have lately seen from a circular issued by the Bank Verein Suisse, stating that the American dollar has now a preponderating influence on the tendency of exchange "because the United States is today the greatest furnisher of Europe of provisions and divers products." The war is giving the dollar a place formerly occupied by the exchange units, the pound, the franc and the mark.

## A Violation of the Charter

If, as has been reported, the city commission has exacted from Robert A. Craig whom it has named as city manager, his written resignation, ready to be acted upon at the pleasure of the commission, it has been guilty of a plain and flagrant violation of the charter. With Mr. Craig's resignation in its hands it could remove him at a moment's notice, with or without cause when the charter provides that he is removable only for cause.

In such a situation the commission would be the manager, occupying a position the people did not intend it to occupy when the charter was ratified or when the commissioners were elected. We should have the spectacle of a \$5000 man at the beck and call of five \$200 men who would in all probability be unable to agree among themselves as to the management of the city through their proxy. The manager could undertake no administrative plan with assurance that he would finish it. Every man in the employ of the city would be sure of his place only from day to day. This would be a remarkable incentive to initiative and effort.

We would contrast such an unlawful arrangement with the orderly system which is in operation at Tucson. There a manager was employed by the city council under a contract for one year. Under the contract, there is reserved to the council the power of removing the manager for cause, just as the manager may be removed under our charter for cause.

The Tucson council then turned over the management of the city unreservedly, giving to the manager even more authority than our charter confers. He was told that he would be held responsible only for results. The council would not concern itself with his methods. For a year its hands are washed of the municipal administration. It performs its legislative duties, such as it could not delegate to the manager, and leaves the rest to him. There is no "snooping around" by the members of the council who are sensible business men, no interference with the employment or discharge of any city employee, no volunteered advice or suggestions concerning matters which the council assumes the manager can better handle in his own way.

Things are running smoothly at Tucson. The citizens are satisfied with the council; the council is satisfied with the manager; all are intent upon the transaction of the business of Tucson in a business-like manner.

## THE KINGDOM OF BOOKS

The benefits of literature can hardly be over-estimated. Books enlarge a man's horizon. They raise a mirage of water brooks and date palms to travelers in a desert. They are "the sick man's health, the prisoner's release." Shut within a narrow routine of dull necessity, sad at heart in a world where wrong triumphs, where beauty has no assurance of respect, where humanity tells terribly merely of its daily bread or the satisfaction of trivial appetites, the early pilgrim needs no more than pick up a book, and lo! he steps forth into another world.

Here he is free from sorrow and care, free from the burden of his body, from envy, jealousy, contempt, self-satisfaction, from vain regrets, from wishes that can never wear the livery of hope, from narrowness of soul and hardness of heart. He may mingle in the society of the good and great; he may listen to the wise man, and the prophet; he may see all the conditions of human happiness and misery; he may watch the human spirit in its strife with circumstance, nobly conquer or easily succumb; he may go down through the "gate of a hundred sorrows," or accompany Dante and Beatrice through the spheres of Paradise.

By means of literature we step from our narrow chamber into a brave world of unalloyed interests. After such experiences the reader requires a larger view of life; in his heart he crushes the irrational and brutal war spirit; he imagines for a season that men are brothers. And if this is true of readers who can leave their daily routine for the palace of literature but now and then, for an hour or two of an evening or on Sunday, it is far more true of the men who pass their lives in the palace and have contributed to its wonderful appointments.

## "AH DOAN" CARE

To Kansas we look for the expression of political truths in homely parable form. Colonel William R. Nelson of the Kansas Star makes this offering to his friend, Mr. William Allen White of the Emporia Gazette:

To his fellow evangelist, the Emporia Gazette, that for years has gone up and down the land in its company exhorting the electorate and reasoning of righteousness, temperance and judgment—to this loved co-worker in the Lord's vineyard the Star suggests this explanation of the attitude of the voters in the recent catastrophe:

"Mandy," said the old woman to her daughter, just back from the day's washing; "Mandy, what did Miss Sally say to you?"

"She said" (solemnly and impressively), "Mandy, does 'ya' know 'ya' possesses a 'im-mortal soul'?"

"Land sakes, Mandy, and what did 'ya' say?"

"Ah said" (flippantly and airily), "Ah doan' care!"

"We can think of nothing to add to this. It is beautifully complete."—Chicago Evening Post.

## WORLD GETTING BETTER

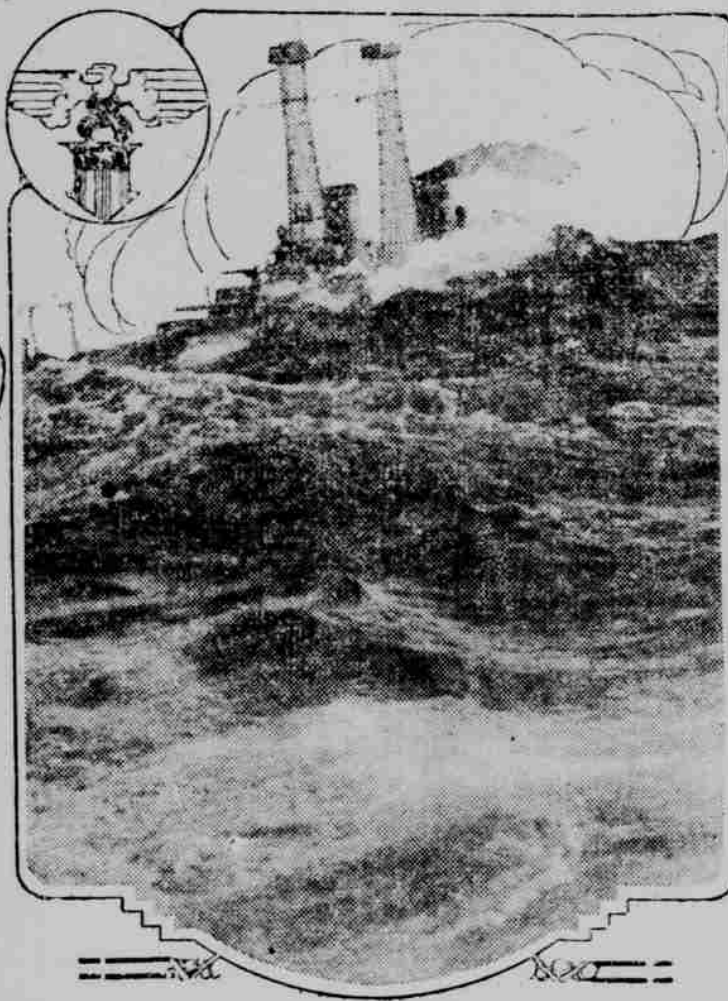
Despite the cruel warfare in Europe, the world is getting better. Individual and national freedom is becoming universal. The spirit of the brotherhood of man seems to be spreading everywhere. Education is becoming one of the leading factors in a rapidly developing civilization, and Christianity is growing by leaps and bounds.—Brownwood (Texas) Bulletin.

## HERE'S ADMIRAL AND ONE OF HIS BATTLESHIPS AT VERA CRUZ



Admiral W. B. Caperton and battleship Delaware.

Once more a small American fleet, this time in charge of Admiral W. B. Caperton, hovers near Vera Cruz, ready to protect the interests of Americans and other foreigners in Mexico. The fleet at or near Vera Cruz comprises six vessels: the battleships Delaware and Georgia, the armored cruiser Washington, the protected cruiser Tacoma, the gunboats Petrel and Sacramento. The cruiser Des Moines is doing patrol duty at Progreso harbor, where export disturbances have complicated the Mexican situation. Greatest care will be exercised not to force the navy to a showdown, such as precipitated the occupation of Vera Cruz by marines last summer.



## Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

### THE MODERN MAID

I met a little maid whose glance so winsome, made me glad; her hair she said, was brought from France, her furs from Petrograd. "Will you marry me?" I asked; "sweet maid, you suit me to a T." Then all her words she displayed; her laugh was large and free. "This marriage bunk," the maid replied, "gives me an oblong pain; what profits it to be a bride? What does a damsel gain? The housewife is a total loss, a drudge unpaid and meek; but my employers come across with fifteen bones each week. The wife must beg her tightwad man for every dime he sheds; a girl becomes an inmate the minute that she wed. Oh, cheerful my way I jog; I find this old world nice; I'm independent as a hog that has been placed on ice. And if I wedded you, I fear, the change would make me ill; I'd have to work for you a year to get a dollar bill. My bank account is on the boom, I smile and dance and sing; oh, not for me the orange bloom, white gloves or wedding ring. So she went giggling on her way, and would not be a frau; I wonder if she'll be as gay some twenty years from now?"

## WINSLOW COUNCIL HAS RATE FIGHT ON HAND

Formal complaint against the rates charged by the Winslow Electric Light and Power company and its alleged refusal to comply with the order of the mayor and council of that town was filed yesterday with the corporation commission.

The complaint after giving a table of the rates charged for electric service, states that the council on or about January 1 ordered the company to run the street lights only for certain hours each night. This, it is alleged the company refused to do, but has continued burning the lights all night long and charging the town a flat rate of \$5.33 per light. The company has been given ten days in which to answer or satisfy the order.

## SELLING MANY HORSES

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
KANSAS CITY, March 16.—Large sales of unbroken horses to the United States war department are adding activity to stock men. They said they have supplied agents of the belligerent countries since September 1, with 69,000 horses and mules, valued at \$12,000,000, and are now endeavoring to supply the French government an additional 25,000 head. A Belgian contract for 20,000 animals is pending. It is asserted.

## GET ALLEGED COUNTERFEITERS

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—Secret service operatives arrested Martin J. Fillmore, son of I. Fillmore, and A. P. Feeley, Fillmore's son-in-law, in San Martin, on charges of conspiracy to make counterfeit five dollar gold pieces. Fillmore's blacksmith shop was raided and a counterfeiting outfit was seized, the officers said.

## DECIDES ON ROUTE

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
WASHINGTON, March 16.—The president has decided on the route for the Alaskan railway, the building of which is to begin in the spring, but his announcement will await the outcome of negotiations with one of the two existing lines, which the government may buy. Secretary Lane said the announcement might be delayed until after his return from San Francisco.

## Vest Pocket Essays

By George Fitch

### NEW YORK'S SKYLINE

When the American tourist has finished looking at the library of deceased notables in a European cathedral he climbs 167 steps upward through a dusty tunnel and takes a look at the world from the top window of a spire, 300 feet above the ground.

This is a great attraction in Europe and no cathedral would think of allowing visitors to attain this dizzy height for less than 25 cents admission. Outside of the Alps and the Eiffel tower the churches have a monopoly of height in Europe and they have made big dividends on every spire constructed.

However, the American traveler need not repine if he is deprived of the chance to scramble up 100 yards of precarious stairs and ladders this summer. He cannot see Paris from the spire of Notre Dame, but he can step into an elevator in any one of two dozen New York buildings and go twice as high for nothing.

New York City has a dozen buildings which are higher than the Cologne spires which puncture the zenith more deeply than anything in Europe except the Eiffel tower. It has buildings 500 to 800 feet high, fitted up with all the comforts of home, including large easy chairs on the fifty-third story and express elevators which make the entire trip in one minute without stopping even to whistle for signals. There are many remarkable views produced by man in various parts of the earth, the cost of reaching which varies from \$200 to \$3,000 for an American. But the most remarkable man-made view on earth can be obtained by expending the price of a ferry trip from Long Island to Hoboken, up North river. On this trip the tourist sees a five-mile mountain range built by the steel workers' and bricklayers' unions of America in the midst of which Singer Peak, Mt. Wollworth, the Dent du Metrolitan and the Sierra de City Hall loom aloft in weird and peculiar grandeur.

New York's artificial mountain peaks are not as beautiful as Europe's cathedral spires. But the view from them is far more superb. No man who has journeyed to the fifty-fifth story of a New York business building and has watched from there the ships of a hundred countries creeping into port over the sun-kissed bay can ever be impressed henceforth by sticking his head out of a church spire window and getting an eye-ful of wind and house roofs.

## "MOVIE" AVIATOR KILLED

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
LOS ANGELES, March 16.—Frank Stiles, a local aviator, fell 200 feet in an "air well" at Motion Picture City, near here. Stiles jumped from an airplane when thirty feet from the ground and died of his injuries shortly afterward.

## LARGE BALANCE OF TRADE

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
WASHINGTON, March 16.—Secretary Redfield stated after a cabinet meeting today that his preliminary report indicated the United States had a larger balance of trade last week than any previous week in the history of the country. The estimated balance last week approximate more than \$47,000,000.

## WORK IN TORPEDO FACTORY

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
NEWPORT, R. I., March 16.—Seven hundred and fifty civilians are working in the naval torpedo factory. Each week ten skilled machinists are added to the force, and it is expected 1,000 will be on the rolls by summer.

## Hire a Little Salesman

At The Republican office. A Want Ad will see more customers than you can.

**Better  
Be Safe Than  
Sorry**

If it's a Title, an Eserow, an Estate or a Trust it will be handled the safe way by the

**Phoenix Title and Trust Co.**

18 N. First Ave.

**\$895**

buys the "Car of Extra Value" the



**DODGE BROTHERS, MOTOR CAR**

**McARTHUR BROTHERS**

**GOVERNOR VETOES ONE--SIGNS FOUR**

House Bill 104, providing for an appropriation of \$5,000 for contingent expenses of the late legislature was vetoed yesterday by Gov. Hunt. The bill was passed, it is stated, to provide remuneration for the attaches in case the session lasted ten days overtime, as it was then expected to do.

Gov. Hunt yesterday signed Senate Bills 4 and 128 and House Bills 46 and 61, providing for state fair funds, regulating the sale of stocks and commodities in bulk and providing that justices of the peace shall have exclusive jurisdiction in cases when the amount involved does not exceed \$200.

## NEW WAR LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]  
BERLIN, March 16.—Additional subscriptions to the new war loan amounts to \$3,625,000. There have been received here reports from Athens that during the bombardment of the inner forts of the Dardanelles, all the warships of the allies were hit. An army order pointed out a captured English soldier indicates that in last weeks the British offensive in Flanders 48 British battalions were opposed by three German battalions.

Mr. Gushington—Miss Goldlocks! Clara will you be mine.  
Miss Goldlocks—Mr. Gushington, no high-minded, modern woman will ever consent to belong to any man. But I will marry you, Percy.—Brooklyn Citizen.

# MAIN LINE RAILROAD

Do we want a main line railroad—Sure we do! Every other consideration other than the main line will come if we can provide sufficient tonnage. The Salt River Valley can produce enough special garden products such as lettuce, spinach, etc., grown on a large scale to keep a railroad busy the greater part of the year. The Chamber of Commerce is in earnest in its effort to organize a marketing agency to ship trainloads of market produce to the east. You can best help by being a member. Send your application to the secretary.

**The Chamber of Commerce**